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1. At 1610 on 4 October, a train passed through Beelitz railroad station toward Seddin. It carried 6 x 76.2-mm guns, 18 trucks, and 2 field kitchens on an undetermined number of flatcars and troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 7 boxcars. At 1430 on 9 October, a column including 6 x 85-mm AT guns, and 15 trucks including / 1-40-3x passed through Beelitz toward Potsdam.<sup>1</sup>

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2. In the morning of 12 October, there was intensive vehicular traffic from the direction of the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne (2201), Neuruppin, toward Altruppin. Fourteen 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 37-mm AA guns and a considerable number of trucks with billeting equipment and soldiers with field equipment were observed.

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At 1145, 2 trucks with billeting equipment and sedan                      with a general followed the abovementioned columns. At 2200, the kasernes in Neuruppin were lit only partially. It was learned that train with tanks, guns and trucks stood at the Neuruppin railroad station at 1800.<sup>2</sup>

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3. At 1030 on 11 October, about 30 sidecar motorcycles were entrained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station.

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4. Between 1015 and 1045 on 12 October, large columns went from Doeberitz through Nauen. They included about 35 to 40 85-mm AT guns, 120 trucks, 3 radio trucks, 4 tank trucks, 2 ambulances and about 1,000 soldiers.

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                     The columns were protected by air force elements of single-engine aircraft which continuously took-off from Doeberitz airfield.<sup>3</sup>

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5. From late September to 3 October, the Schlieffen Kaserne (4781), the Siegfried Kaserne (4782) and Ludendorff Kaserne (4783) in Stahnsdorf quartered about 200 soldiers each. The soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

6. Between 1 and 7 October, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg was less occupied than before. There was only little routine activity. It was possible that some of the troops and vehicles had moved out of the installation through the rear gate. Only supply trips were made during the period of observation.

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7. On 6 October, the KdF Bad (Northern Section) (2341) in Prora on Ruegen Island was occupied by only about 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Comment. The direction of the train indicates that it carried artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div or the 2d Light Arty Brig which returned to Doebritz from firing at Jueterbog.

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Comment. Information on the departure for the maneuvers of the bulk of the 12th Gds Tank Div was forwarded. The present report confirms the 497th Arty Regt in Neuruppin until 12 October.

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Comment. units of the 2d Light Arty Brig probably departed for maneuvers of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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Comment. It appears possible that major elements of the 66th Sig Regt of the GSFG participated in fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army. The participation of units of this regiment was previously reported by another source at an earlier date.

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Comment. It is assumed that units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig were absent for maneuvers of the Third Shock Army.

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Comment. According to other reports, major elements of the 4th AT Arty Brig departed for exercises of the Third Shock Army in late September.

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